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Recovery Project

Knox Stewardship

**Helping Contractors
Secure Work**



Contractors loading in Knox Stewardship

The Knox Stewardship project is providing contracts for equipment operators, thinning crews, and log truck drivers, during extremely difficult times in this industry.

Grant County contractor Charlie O'Rorke, sees the Knox stewardship project as a prime example of what the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery) was meant to do.

"With this contract I am able to have a crew of ten, and also provide enough material for six log haulers," stated O'Rorke. "Without this contract we were looking at just two months of work this season."



O'Rorke also stated, "This year is better than 2009, not like in the past, but this contract will help me to keep the experienced guys around." He added, "Without the work, guys would be looking at other areas to find jobs."

The scope of the project includes commercial/noncommercial thinning, natural and project generated fuel treatment, biomass removal, and prescribed burning on over 6,500 acres.

Raw material generated from this project is going to local sawmills, cogeneration facilities, and eventually the newly constructed biomass plant located in John Day, Oregon.



**Skidder bringing material to landing
in Knox Stewardship**



Contractors . Making a Difference

Quotes From Contract Folks



Contractor Chad Ingle, "I have been doing very little private land logging, without this contract I would not be working in the timber industry right now."

"With this work I am able to bring on one full time and two part time employees."

Todd Davis who was laid off from Prairie Wood Products after 16 years. "I had not been working until I got hired on with this stewardship contract. I was looking at options which included moving out of the area."

Log Hauler Grant Winegar, "I don't know what a guy would do without this, I was looking at having to go to Idaho to find loads. This will get me through until at least August, and get me close to a normal season."



Knox Unit Before Stewardship

**Coming Next Issue:
The Blue Mountain Work
Center Renovation Project**



Knox Unit After Stewardship Work Began